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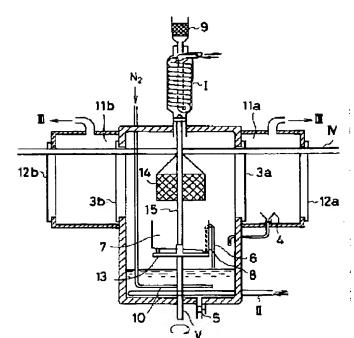
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TITLE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

DEGREASING AND CLEANING



ABSTRACT: PURPOSE: To safely clean in a short time without requiring a large area by cleaning articles to be cleaned with the azeotropic vapor between water and a solvent which is soluble poorly in water, forms a minimum azeotrope with water, and dissolves fat and oil or its condensate.

> CONSTITUTION: A mixture of a composition in which some excessive water is added to an azeotropic mixture between water and a solvent which is soluble poorly, forms a minimum azeotrope with water, and dissolves fat and oil is injected from a cleaning liquid inlet 4 to a cleaning chamber and heated. When the reflux of the azeotropic mixture starts, articles to be cleaned are carried into the cleaning tank 7 in the cleaning chamber for cleaning. Since the articles are cleaned continuously with a clean azeotropic vapor and reflux condensate in the cleaning tank 7, cleaning is conducted efficiently and finished in a short time. The cleaned articles are further cleaned with the azeotropic vapor even while being transferred to an auxiliary chamber 11b almost in a dry state and then taken out from a opening 12b of the chamber 11b.

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